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immitation." Let the unbeliever accept the conditions, try the experiment, and by his own experience prove the miracle true ! If he will not take the trouble to do so, let him cease decrying the fact. And if God now interposes and works in Nature with thaumaturgic power, why not in time past?

We would not carry our cross-questioning of science so far, perhaps, as the Reviewer does, who seems to be brought almost to the verge of skepticism in defending the faith. Having re-

THE breach between Science and the Bible sisted the claim of immutability to Natural law, has, doubless, been widened by the publication so far as it would exclude miracles from God's of Humboldt's Cosmos. That master-piece of world, and having recognized the miracle-working classification in which the results of all past inprinciple as among the secret agents of Nature, vestigations in the whole domain of natural we cannot see the impropriety of admitting that science are gathered and arranged in one admi- this principle, too, is governed by what we rubly constructed whole, captivates the reason loosely call Law. Let Nature be reckoned imand bewilders us with such a wondrous admiramutable, if the absolute superiority of the miration of the works of God, that we forget that cle-working power be immutably established. A God himself is shut out. A taste for the study highest law comprehending both the ordinary of Natural Science as a field of thought, with and the miraculous in all the phenomena of the which religion has nothing to do, is undoubtedly Universe there must be; and that law must encourage l, by such works. Nature is regarded have unity, and, in its essence, immutability, as as something complete in itself, round, regular, its author is one and unchangeable. Philosophy, systematic; and in the limited portion of her natural science, dare not surrender this guiding works which can come within the sphere of his clew of unity, or do violence to those great inobservation, the philosopher soon persuades himstincts of the mind which yearn for order, for self that he has found the key of the whole. He the Cosmos. Even the antagonisms of which the calls it " Law," and he pronounces it immutable. reviewer speaks, and which we must admit ex-Such a view of nature must lead to a disbelief ists everywhere in nature, would forever distress in miracles, and a hostility to a religion which us, if we did not secretly believe their reconcilaclaims credence on the ground of miracles. tion possible. But the great error and sin of

A writer in the last number of the London Natural Philosophers, like Humbold, is, in pro-Quarterly ably argues upon the phrase "the pounding a Cosmos which contains no reference Immutability of Nature's Laws." and assails with to moral truth; in teaching that Nature could vigor, positions which men of science have taken be a unit without a benevolent Deity; in depictand which have even been acquiesced in by believing the universal order as that of a stupendous. ers. He first shows that "law," properly speaking, meaningless machine, all wrapped around and can refer to intelligent, moral agents only; used complicated with moral beings, whom it is sweepof the sequences, conjunctions, and concomiing along in its iron arms without a token of tances observed in nature, it is an accommodated sympathy or relationship. Cosmos! Nature withterm. We are in danger of being misled by it. out a miracle is chaos to the soul.

The will of the Creator is the only true cause of all. "Dei voluntas, rerum natura est," the will of God is the cause of nature, says Angustine, and he is as wise as the wisest philosopher. And what is Nature? Is it an arrangement such that

miracles are above it, or beside it, or contrary to 14th. an account of the installation of Mr. Dufit? Or may not those views of Nature which field, as pastor of the church in that place. It exclude miracles, by that fact, be shown to be opens as follows :-- "The Presbyterian church erroneous? As there are acknowledged secret was crowded to its utmost capacity last evening agents in Nature to which we give names, but by an audience who listened with undivided atof the essence of which we know nothing-Elec- tention to all the services attendant upon the intricity. Gravitation, Magnetism, Voltaic Elec- stallation of Rev. George Duffield, Jr., as pastor tricity, Caloric, Vitality,-why may there not be of the Church. The Society have been fortua miracle working power which could properly nate in securing so promptly the services of an he reckoned among these mysterious forces? able and devoted minister and it is fervently to From the dawn of time to a late period in re- be hoped that the union so auspiciously begun, may corded history, there have been rumors of mira- be long continued to the mutual blessing and culous events : some of these have been attested profit of both."

by an array of evidence, which we cannot reject Rev. R. R. Salter, of La Salle, Moderator, of

Secessionists are not half so confident as be- after; has never made a praver in Congress. THE REVIVAL OF BENEVOLENCE CONfore, though they may often be seen together in though invited over and over again; refused to groups in all places of public resort. A great dine with the Presidents, from Jackson to Lin-

THIS novel and cheering development in the many of them are to be met in this city. The coln; never goes out to tea, or dines out, but progress of Foreign Missions still goes on churches (O. S.), are full of them. One of constantly and indefatigably attends to all the Among the Nestorians and the Zulus, our readthese has lately dismissed the pastor on ac- duties of his position. When all was confusion ers have already been informed of its appearcount of his devotion to the Union-because he and fear, he went up to the War Office, and ofance. A Methodist missionary in Nynee Tal, prayed for the President. fered his services to the Secretary of War, in any India, has recorded the exhibition of a similar But the news from Kentucky, and from South | way he could be useful. In the time of threat-

feeling among the converts of his station. But Carolina, and the Potomac, does not comfort ened invasion, he came out with a sermon on pa the missionaries of the American Board in Pathese worshippers of idols-images of their own triotism and devotion to the Government. And sumalie (India) have recently witnessed a beneimaginations! In the "make-up," by and by, liking the post to attend to the sick in the hospivolent movement among their people, as remarkit is to be hoped, that they will confess that tal of disabled soldiers, he was commissioned to able as that among the Nestorians at Geog Tapa. they were "vanity." Every day is now proving go through the wards on his errand of mercy. He Mr. Webb. of the Madura Mission, has sent a the weakness of secession, and the strength of has always kept an open house, and is in all redetailed account of it to Boston, which we would the Union. Family ties, and pride, and the spects, a model minister. While eloquent men be glad to publish in our columns in full, but madness of the hour, must all yield to the neces- and great men have come to the capital, made want of space forbids. A meeting of native sities of the case, which, in fact, know no other their sensation, run their brief race and passed pastors, catechists, and schoolmasters, accompaaway. Dr. Smith still abides, able, devoted and law. While all things appeared to favor the nied by the missionaries, was held September successful as in the earlier days of his ministry, wicked plot of disunion, many "set themselves" 11th in the church at Pasumalie, at which a letin array to foment it: but as reason returns the and never more honored than now."

ter from the Nestorians, descriptive of the exaspects change. For months I have predicted hibitions of liberality which had transpired that those of the South-once our brethrenthere, and which had previously been read in would not bear reverses well. It is so. I make their hearing, was again referred to. It was the same confident assertion to-day. Let the thunfollowed by prayer and exhortation among the derbolts of war fall fast and hot, as at Beaufort, Among your advertisements of Schools, is natives and a succession of offerings of money upon their guilty heads, and they will soon cry found that of the West Chester Academy. I do and valuable articles on a scale of extraordinary out. pecavimus. F have no hopes of peace till not know that a greater kindness can be shown liberality for the poor converts. Some persisted wasting and desolation shall be carried into their parent, who desires to find a good school for in giving in spite of expostulations from the borders. The war policy of "Jim Lane and the his son, than to answer for him the questionmissionaries. We copy some of the para-Where shall I find such a school ? thorough

Javhawkers." I am quite inclined to think is the true policy of the government. We have had One poor catechist, from Pulney, gave seven too much diplomacy, too much corruption-too ty-five cents, and after a little while added many leaky vessels-in Washington, to denounce twenty-five cents more. His heart was not even the campaign in Missouri, or elsewhere, where then satisfied, but what more could he do? He the enemies of God and the nation have been remembered a fowl he had at home, and rose a) made to feel a little of retributive justice. It is third time to say that he would give that; it was no time now to relax our grasp upon the throat worth twelve cents. Not long after it occurred of rebellion. May Gen. McClellan have grace to him that he had six cents tied up in the like Joshua, to make war and fight until there the corner of his cloth, reserved for his expenses shall not stand a man of all our enemies before on the way, and he got up again to beg us to ac- him. (Jos. 21:43-45.) And to God our Sacept that. There was also a small copper coin, viour, shall be all the glory forever. Amen.

tank; but as it was much defaced he feared it would be useless, and so did not offer it. But after waiting a time, and observing his brethren around him still giving, he rose and said, 'Perhaps it will pass-do not refuse it.' Still his

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also.' service : very few gave less than half a month's the iron hand in the kid glove. John Cochrane a total of 325 rupees ;-- a little more than \$1.25, dorsed it in these words: 'It is idle to talk of

nstruction. blended with a strict regard for the physical and moral well being of my child." I have found such a school, and for the last three years have most gratefully availed myself of its privileges. The healthiness and beauty of its location are its best recommendation. It is good school, and good schools are rare. Its principal, William F. Wyers, A. M., a graduate of Halle, for twenty years a teacher in our country, is a most accomplished scholar, and a thorough teacher, with a large corps of skillful assistants about him. Mr. Wyers is himself the main drill

THE WORK ADVANCING

The Washington correspondent of the Boston Watchman and Reflector thus groups the facts heart was full; he had no more money; but which show how we are moving towards the so taking off his turban, he sent it up, saying, 'It lution of the question of the day :--- "The work cost me, a few days since, seventy-five cents; it of practical emancipation advances as rapidly as has been washed but once; please accept this union and success will permit. General Sherman's proclamation is gentle but firm, informing "Many present gave the remuneration they the rebels that no subordinate rights shall stand are accustomed to receive for an entire month's | in the way of crushing out the rebellion. It's

salary. The list of donations on the occasion one of the most ultra of Northern Democrats, contains the names of 125 native brethren, who addressed his regiment lately, and placed himself subscribed, in money, 2511 rupees; and in arti- squarely upon the doctrine of the 'military necles of jewelry, wearing apparel, household furni- cessity of the emancipation of the slaves." The ture, domestic animals, &c., about 731; making regiment applauded, and Secretary Cameron en-

THE WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING.

our souls and affected our lives.

as well as the pious.

UPON Thursday next, Dec. 5th, the Union

We need a full attendance of church mem-

bers-of the men and the women, and the chil-

dren of the churches. Let our readers resolve

to begin and to go through with the meeting as

We need the presence of the Holy Spirit.

And to the brethren of the churches we would

MR- WILLIAM R. MORRIS has accepted an in-

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Nons sana, in corpore sano.

high rank in Yale and Harvard.

suffer for want of muscles and pure air.

You may safely commend the West Chester

Our Church News.

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bytery of Trumbull, who died at Sandusky, Ohio, duced in the walks of literature. His hatred of July 31st, 1861, in his 57th year.

9. The Rev. Daniel M. Lord, of the Presbytery of Long Island, who died at Shelter Island, N. Y., August 26th, 1861, in his 62d year. 10. The Rev. George W. Gale, D. D., of the Presbytery of Knox, who died at Galesburg, Ill.

October 13th, 1861, in his 72d year. 11. The Rev. Clement Long, D.D., of the Presbytery of Cayuga, who died at Hanover, N. H., October 14th, 1861. in his 55th year.

12. The Rev. Benjamin Coleman Smith, of the Presbytery of Bath, who died at Prattsburgh, N. Y., Oct. 17th, 1861, in his 62d year. 13. The Rev. Charles White, D. D., of the Presbytery of Crawfordsville, who died at Craw-

14. The Rev. Henry A. Post, of the Presbytery of Troy, who died at Warrensburgh, N. Y., November 12th, 1861, in his 27th year.

The average age of these beloved brethren was not less than 61 years. In some cases they had been laid aside from active service, but others of them were in the full maturity of experience and usefulness. Six of them had received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. Several of them had occupied eminent positions in the Church and in seminaries of learning. One of them, the Rev. Dr. Ely, had been the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly for eleven years, and Moderator of the Assembly of 1828. "Siste, Viator !" Matt. xxiv: 44.

REV. J. PARSONS HOVEY, D. D., of the Elemaster of his school, and his drill is through. If his pupils are not thorough in their studies, the fault is not with him. His scholars have taken result is to us a source of great gratification." Mr. W. is an elder in the Presbyterian church.

and takes a deep interest in the spiritual welfare CLERICAL CHANGES-Rev. E. H. Payson has of his pupils. With the fondness of Fatherland removed from New Hartford to Utica, N. Y. for out-door sports, none about him are likely to Rev. Benj. F. Willoughby has accepted an in vitation to supply the pulpit of the Congregational church, of Parishville, St. Lawrence coun-Academy as unsurpassed in the facilities it afty, N. Y., and has commenced his labors at that fords for a thorough and complete education. place.

> Mr. Isaac Clark was ordained to the Gospel ministry, and installed pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Elmira, on the 12th instant, by the Presbytery of Chemung. The prelimin ary examination was a thorough and very satisfactory one. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Charles Hawley, D. D., of Auburn .-Evangelist.

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ner, New York.

What a contrast to Byron's

8. The Rev. Frederick H. Brown, of the Pres- | bitterly anti-Christian writer has never been protrue religion; his wild, yet earnest, schemes of

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moral and political reform, cherished in connection with some of the most hideously immoral views, are well presented by the critic. The se-

verity with which his works were handled in this same Review, forty years ago, when they were just coming before the public, is vindicated. To his utter want of humor is attributed much of the unhealthy sensitiveness which characterized the man and his works. "Life, Enterprise. and Peril in rhe Coal Mines." collects a great amount of valuable matter about the coal-workings of the North of England, their expensiveness, their

products, and their perils. The great outlay is frequently made in clearing the mine of water. One and a half million of dollars was spent in fordsville, October 29th. 1861, in his 65th year. reaching the coal at an opening near Durham Castle. The whole supply in England and Wales is roughly estimated to be sufficient for a thousand years. "The Immutability of Nature"

is a most noble and satisfactory defence of the Bible against the objections renewedly raised by scientific men. The terms Law, Nature. and Immutability, as employed by these unbelievers are closely scrutinized, and the obligation to take into view all well-attested facts and all departments of truth, in order to a true philosophy, is earnestly and justly insisted on. We should like to see the article in the hands of every student of the physical sciences. "Newton as a Scientific Discover" is a very interesting paper, which goes over the ground of his whole scien. tific activity with great candor, showing how

much of his great success was due to the labors renth Church, New York, has declined. after and hints of predecessors, and vindicating his much deliberation, the call of the Fourth Congre- claim to originality as against Leibnitz. "Plugational Church, New Haven. "His people," | tarch" gives us an account of the several versays the Evangelist, "have been perfectly united | sions of the Lives, and explains their great poin him, and made his work pleasant, and yet such pularity. A remarkable coincidence between have been the difficulties of the field itself, that passages of North's version and the Roman he has sometimes felt that he might be obliged to plays of Shakespeare is pointed out. It is claimaccept a call elsewhere. The deficiency in his sa- ed that "to North's Plutarch we owe Shakelary was promptly assured to him by those who speare's Roman plays." "Whole speeches in felt that our city could ill afford to lose a man Coriolanus are directly rendered from North's who had been so faithful and so useful. This prose." The noble character of the biographer, in a most dissolute age, is noted. "Education of the Poor" discusses a question of far greater significance and difficulty in a country of such

broad social contrasts as England presents, than with us, by whom it may be considered as substantially solved. We, however, have still some unsettled questions as to the religious instruction communicated in our free schools. "Alexis de Tocqueville" sketches very ably the character of this political philosopher, and refers to his residence in our own country and his views of our destiny, which were almost prophetic of our existing troubles. The opportunity thus afforded to say a few unhandsome things of us is not neglected by the Reviewer. De Tocqueville. Plutarch, and Isaac Newton: these are noble

INSTALLATION OF REV. GEORGE DUF-FIELD, JR., AT ADEIAN, MICHIGAN.

WE find in the Adrian Daily Expositor, of the

worth half a cent. which he had found by

graphs:---

without unsettling all the grounds of belief on Monroe Presbytery, presided. Mr. Duffield' testimony. Miracles, if they exist at all, are father, Rev. George Duffield, D. D., of Detroit, facts-facts in nature-which we dare not over- preached the sermon on Jer. iii. 15-" And I look in forming. on the inductive method, a sys- will give you pastors according to mine heart, tem of nature. Why reject them; or set them which shall feed you with knowledge and underaside as belonging to a sphere beyond or above | standing."

nature? Why not rather ascribe them to an uu- The Expositor says :---"The sermon was a named, mysterious power in nature: whose effects | learned and able discussion of the character, duty, we see, but whose essence we cannot penetrate? | and aims of a pastor, and of some of the sources And if it needs a name, let us call it the Thau- of his usefulness. The pastor should be a teachmaturgic-wonder-working-power. er. a provider and a defender. The name is syn-

After all, are miracles such very unnatural onymons with that of shepherd, and there is a evcuts, that they should be reckoned as no part very great correspondence in the duties. He is of nature? On the contrary, says the Review. to instruct his people, teaching them the know-" they are so natural that they are represented ledge and will of God; to foresee their dangers, by the school of Paulus and Strauss, as com- warn them of these, and to provide for their mon occurrences exaggerated into miracles by defense; to direct their efforts that they may be igno ance or romance. Perhaps there is not one turned into useful and profitable channels, and which cannot find its germ, as it were, and em- not wasted or perverted. He is to preach a pure bryo in some acknowledged fact of so-called Na- gospel, that of Christ, and wisely to adapt all his ture, as Augustine often warns us. Stars have instructions to the needs, tastes, temptations and appeared and vanished, as well as the one which capacity of his hearser, to the exigency of the rested over the cradle of Bethlehem. Life, by times, and the presence of peculiar forms of erone continuous marvel, is multiplying itself each | ror and sin. He is to be vigilant, earnest, untiday in horb, and tree, and animated being, till ring, 'if by any means he may save some.' He not the power is exhausted, but the occasion is not to care what the world may say, but to receases. The magazines of Nature are to this gard only the expressed command and will of day charged in Egypt with curses, which Moses God, preaching his truth in all plainness and brought forth only in more awful forms. The sincerity, and with a deep conviction of its vast, voice of man is ruling the world, and the hand undying importance. Such duties can only be and touch of man are healing its infirmities, now well discharged when there is a divine call to the as when our Saviour was upon earth, by his will work, a clear indication of Providence leading now as then, and only by his will." the way. They can only be successfully sustain-

But what test has Science by which to exclude ed by prayer, constant study of the word, and the well attested miracles of Scripture from the conscientious efforts to do good. The speaker domain of Nature? Are they so rare? So is charged his son to ' walk worthy of his high vothe blossoning of an aloe. And the miracles of vocation.' To be installed as a pastor was more Scripture are not rare. The skeptic "must ac- noble than to be crowned as prelate or king. He count for a systematic, connected, periodic re- bade him labor in the spirit of meekness and appearance of such interpositions in a certain | self-sacrifice of Christ, His Divine Lord and Maszone of man's history." Can natural occurrences | ter, and invoked his special blessings to rest upon be prophesied? So were miracles. Are means him."

The Moderator. Dr. Salter, proposed the conemployed in nature? Miracles are results produced by fewer means-so few as to bring man stitutional questions, after which the charge to sensibly near the Creator whom he has forgotten the pastor was delivered by Rev. Mr. Wishart, pastor-elect of the church at Tecumseh, and that or misconceived. And if we argue further against miracles, that Nature's Laws have been to the people by Rev. Mr. Nichols, of Clavton. shown by a vast mass of observations to be im- Mr. Nichols is reported as saying :-- "A member mutable; if we insist that the mind instinctively of the church had remarked to him upon the demands the immutability as the corner-stone of leaving of their former pastor, that he did not all science; we answer, the mind equally demands see what he wanted to leave for-if he wanted the acceptance of all valid testimony; and if anything all he had to do was to ask for it, and valid testimony exists to prove a variation from he got it. The man did not stop to think that those laws, then we must, as rational creatures, there were many things that a minister wanted cause to regard them as absolutely immutable. besides money. And it was because of his labors One instinct, that of belief in testimony, can be ever multiplying upon his hands and thoughtset against the other. And as to the vast mass lessly left for him to perform, that his strength of observations, by which this immutability is had given way, and he had been compelled to sought to be proven, the Reviewer most conclu- seek a change of scene and labors. He urged sively shows their liability to error. Of Astronomy, them not to repeat the mistake." After prayer by Dr. Duffield, singing, and the the most exact of sciences, he asks: "What is its

chief fundamental occupation, but a guess-work benediction concluded the very interesting serelimination of known, avowed, inevitable errors ?" vices.

Certainly, no greater obscurity or liability to The best wishes of Mr. Duffield's brethren and error surrounds the testimony to the reality of friends accompany him to his new field of labors. the Scripture miracles, than that attending the They will greatly rejoice to hear of his prosperaccumulated observations from which the "im- ity. They are confident that he will give his mutable" laws of science are deduced. The people abundant reason to "esteem highly in love truly scientific mind rejects nothing for its mere | for his works' sake."

THE CHOIR OF NORTH BROAD ST. CHURCH

novelty or incompatibility with his pre-arranged systems. Newton's greatness is more evident.

We have received the first number of the Li- Ticknor & Fields. Are there after all no miracles of present ex. There will be a company of over fifty perform-All the efficiency and completeness of every perience to appeal to? Here the true Evangeli- ers. B. C. Cross, conductor. M. H. Cross will is Rev. Dr. John C. Smith, of the Fourth Pres- Philadelphia, June 17th, 1861, in his 76th year. terary Chronicle and Advertiser, published by military matter here have been due to him alone. Geo. L. Dix & Co., Boston. To be issued on the bellion" reaches nearly to the Inauguration eal spirit of the reviewer appears. Conversion is preside at the piano and organ—the whole under The prestige of his name drew thousands to-byterian church. He has been pastor of that a miraele. The Church is a miracle. The the direction of Mr. T. Rawlings, Jr., leader of 5. The Rev. David R. Dixon, of the Presbygether, who desired to serve the country under | church twenty-three years, and a pastor in the Christian life is a miracle in its various mani- the choir. him as their leader; and his untiring energy, in District twenty-nine years. He came here to a tery of Washtenaw, who died at Unadilla, Michfestations, in the saintly resignation of the sick- The pieces are mainly sacred; some choice the face of many and great difficulties, supplied feeble congregation, and was in such poor health | igan, June 24th, 1861, nearly 78 years old. hed-the patient suffering, the peaceful blessed- secular, martial, and patriotic airs are included at length the means to do so. The country and that it was supposed he would not live long. He 6. The Rev. William S. Kennedy, of the Presness, the softened agony, the joyful death. in the programme. took a house for one month; he has never moved bytery of Cincinnati, who died at Cincinnati, O., REVIEWS AND MAGAZINES. the future will judge as to results. "These." he eloquently exclaims, " are the sub-A new plan of campaign has been inaugurated | from that house. He has still the same church. June 30th, 1861. jects of the Divine Thaumaturgy of this day. performers; and the object-to provide means here. Our troops from Southwestern Missouri He has one of the largest and most influential 7. The Rev. John Hough, D. D., of the Pres-They are the blind, the lame, the lepers, the for purchasing an organ for the church-will are now pouring into the city and eager to meet congregations in the city. He has steadily re- bytery of Fort Wayne, who died at Fort Wayne, dead, whom it is healing and raising into life, in | doubtless secure a large attendance. fused all invitations to social life, so much sought | Ind., July 17th, 1861, in his 79th year. on the Life and Character of Shelley. Such a No. 18 Spruce Street. the enemy wherever he may be found.

made at the same time by the missionaries, bring We must meet them as our enemies, treat them up the whole amount to about \$325. All this, I as enemies, and punish them as enemies, until should remark, was unpremeditated—unexpected. they shall learn to behave themselves. Every Two and a half hours were spent amid these en- means which God has placed in our hands it is thusiastic demonstrations of interest. - The Di- our duty to use for the purpose of protecting ourvine Spirit was evidently with us; and we now selves. I am glad of the opportunity to say looked up to our blessed Lord, begging him gra- here, what I have already said elsewhere, in ciously to accept our offerings, and to enable us these few words, that I approve the docto regard them with an humble, thankful spirit. trine this evening enunciated by Col. Cochrane. "The catechist who first led in prayer, now So George Bancroft and Gen. Burnside, at a

rose. He was much affected, and spoke with meeting in New York, uttered a similar doctrine. tears, saying, 'Will not He who gave his son- The old Democrats go ahead of the Republicans. his own dear Son-give us his Spirit, too? Is The administration are prepared to act radically he not our Father—ours, as well as his—and and efficiently when they can unite the whole will not our Father, who gives us his holy child country on the platform of a military emancipa-Jesus, give us of his Spirit?' A seminary tion of the slaves. But they ought not to be teacher spoke of the love of Christ to us, and of forced into positions where they must contend our obligations to him. 'The question is not,' with the loyal men of Kentucky and Missouri,he said. ' what shall we give him ?' but, rather. neither should they issue proclamations which What can we withhold from him? We will are sheet lightning." give our money, our jewels, our wealth, but let

us not withhold what is more precious than all these-our own beloved children. Let us give them to him. Let us consecrate them to his service, and train them up for that-not for the Afternoon Prayer Meeting of the churches of world, its wealth, or its honors. Help us. Lord | our denomination will recommence. In past Come in, O blessed Spirit! come in. Now are years we have had many seasons of near approach our hearts open, they are wide open, for thy gra- | to the Spiritual world in these social gatherings. cious entrance. We have been avaricious and Christ has been seen to be a glorious Saviour in covetous. The Christians of our congregations, them. The worth of the soul has grown upon have followed our example. They and our wives us there. As we have united our hymns of praise, and children have given nothing. Our giving our words of exhortation, our prayers, the power of this world has lessened, and that of the world hand has hung useless and withered by our side. Now, at the word of Christ, we stretch it out: | to come swelled and strengthened until it moved and it is restored whole, as the other.""

_____ FROM THE SEAT OF WAR IN THE WEST.

NO. IX.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 18, 1861. THIS is a world of sudden changes! Since my letter of 29th ult., Major General Fremont

has been succeeded in command of this Depart-Come with God's Spirit in your souls, and the ment by Hunter; and to-day Major-General meetings will not be unblessed. Come from prayer, and in prayer to this meeting for prayer. Halleck succeeds Hunter. The effect of such rapid displacements, as one

may readily suppose, is to unsettle every thing. say, come prepared to take an active part in the Secessionists seem to "take heart again." But meetings. They will be open to all, and it is in this they "reckon without their host.". How- | not the wish of the ministers that they alone | ever friends of Fremont may admire him, they should speak and pray. The first in the series will be held in the First love their country better; and I have never seen the spirit of true men more finely displayed. Church, on Washington Square (Reverend Mr.

Barnes) on Thursday, Dec. 5th. at 4 o'clock. P. M. since the defeat of Henry Clay for the Presidency in 1844, than here of late. Not a man meditated resistance to the "powers that be." It is true, some mutterings of discontent were vitation to labor as Stated Supply in the Coates heard-some expressions, hardly above one's street Church, formerly Mr. Duffield's, for four

THE DIBECTORY OF MINISTERS AND CHURCH-ES will remain in our columns for some time. was his will made known than all was prompt Brethren, who notice errors or omissions, will confer a favor by pointing them out to us.

It does not become me to surmise as to the NEXT WEEK, a concert of daily prayer will be causes of Fremont's removal, or to question the held among Christians of all denominations. No wisdom of the President in ordering it. I had special arrangements have been made in this some misgivings myself as to some of those vicinity.

around him, and would gladly have seen others in their places. But I have no question at all as to General Fremont's integrity, or capability

in his renounding, for a time, his magnificent expect to give a Grand Concert under the auyoung. Harry Dangerfield the Poacher, and matters of thought and criticism as complete as BEV. JOHN O. SMITH, D. D. 3. The Rev. Daniel Murdock, D.D., of the Pres hypothesis of gravitation, because of a reported spices of the Board of Trustees of the Church. Angus Tarlton, or Illustrations of the Fruits of our political emancipation." So may it be. . . . of commanding a large force in the field. In "BURLEIGH," the Washington correspondent difference of three feet in the movement of the on Thursday evening, Dec. 12th, at Handel and bytery of Chemung, who died at Elmira, N.Y., the Spirit, are the titles of these stories. 18mo. In the prospectus for 1862 is a series of papers fact I can say now, I know it, having seen abun- of the Boston Journal, thus speaks of Rev. Dr. June 18th, 1861, in his 61st year. moon, than in the discovery itself. Haydn Hall, corner of Eighth and Green streets. pp. 148 and 135. dant proof of the same the past eight weeks. Smith, of Washington :--on Natural History by Prof. Agassiz. Boston: 4. The Rev. Ezra Stiles Ely, D.D., of the "One of the most remarkable men in this city Fourth Presbytery of Philadelphia, who died at

Adair, Robert. . . . |1708 Filbert street. Sce. Phila. H. Mis. Soc. Presbyterian House. Barnes, Albert. . . . 255 S. Eighth street. Wash. Sq., cor. 7th. 1st Church Brainerd, T., D.D. . . 634 Pine street. 3d Church Fourth & Pine streets Spruce ab 40th, W.P. Brown, Charles Presbyterian Honse. Sec. Phila. Ed. Soc . 1531 Chestnut street. Bruen, Edward B. Darby. Burdett M 2d Church, Darby.

FOR THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.

A GOOD SCHOOT.

Darby. Chestnut ab 40th, WP. Butler, James G. Walnut st. Church, W.P. Walnut, ab 39th. Culver, Andrew . . Green lane, Manayunk Manayunk Church Manayunk. Darling, Henry, D.D. Germantown 10th below Spruce. Clinton street Church 20 North Tenth. Davis, James M. . . Ist Church, Darby. Darby. Dulles, John W. Chestnut ab 40th, WP. Sec. Pres. Pub. Com. Presbyterian House. Eva, Wm. T. . . . 1116 Columbia avenue 1st Church, Kensington Gir'd av. near Han. st Helffenstein, J'b., D. D. { Market House Square. Germantown. Mkt House Sq. Church. Germantown. Calvary Church Locust ab 15th. Sycamore & 36th.WF ohnston, Thos. S. Mantua Church, W. P. 6th & Bridge, W. P. Malin, David, D. D. 1614 Chestnut street Mc Caskie, James . . 425 South Twentiet Southwestern Church . Fitzwater & 20th sts.

McLeod, John . Reeseville. Sec. A. B. C. F. M. Presbyterian House. Mears, John W. . . . 2136 Mt. Vernon st. Ed. Am. Presbyterian. Presbyterian House. Miller. Jeremiah . . . 1106 Čallowhill street Phila. Sab. Asso. Vine & Franklin sts. Morris Wm. R. . . Coates ab Third.

Central Church, N. L. it passes from church to church. And let them Patton, John, D. D. . . 1621 Summer street. bring their friends with them-the unconverted Logan Square Church. 20th and Vine. 17th and Race sts. Reese, J. B. African Central Church Lombard ab 8th st. Robbins, Frank L. Girard av. & 16th s Green Hill Church. Girard Av. ab 16th. Shepherd, Thomas J. 507 Brown street. 1st Church, N. L. Buttonwood below 6tl Smith, Charles A., D. D. 1530 Arch street. Western Church. . 17th and Filbert. Smith, H. Augustus, 1530 Arch street. Twelfth Church. . South above 17th. 2021 Wallace street laylor, W. W. . . Ölivet Church. . . 22d and Mt. Vernon. 919 S. Fifteenth st. Van Deurs, George 17th & Fitzwater sts. Ed. Pres. Quar. Rev., } Presbyterian House. and Sec. H. Missions.

Southwark First Church, German ab Third. Vacant, Walker, Richard Kenderton Church. . Tioga st. above 17th.

DEATHS OF MINISTERS. "E. F. H." in the Evangelist, reckons up 14

of our ministerial brethren deceased since the meeting of our Assembly. 1. The Rev. William Hanford, of the Presbyery of Portage, who died at Tallmadge, Ohio,

May 31st, 1861, in his 71st year. 2. The Rev. Solomon Stevens, of the Preshvtery of Trumbull, who died at Cleveland. Ohio. June 7th, 1861, in his 66th year.

Mr. James McLaughlin was ordained October this Review give it peculiar interest and value 8th, by the Presbytery of San Jose, at Brooklyn, California.

New Publications.

Blackwood, for November, contains, beside lighter articles and poetry, an exposure of Mr. Rev. A. F. White .- The Presbyterian church Buckle's Scientific Errors, and a critical notice in Carson city, Nevada Territory," says the Pacific, "have engaged Mr. White, formerly of of the French Philosopher, Ernest Renan. Mr. Gilroy, California, as their stated supply. Mr.

Buckle is very fairly treated, indeed highly White is a true. carnest as well as able minister, lauded, and his scientific errors are all stated-so far as the critic has been able to discover them. and in him the new church will find a pastor who will spare himself no labor or sacrifice to build They are errors in physiology-Mr. Buckle discards the idea of hereditary transmission of them up. Mr. White officiates as chaplain of the Council during the session of the Legislature of qualities physical and mental-and in his statements in regard to the Deductive Method. He does not seem to have mastered the distinction between Deduction (reasoning from general principles to particulars) and the Deductive Method in which the three processes of Induction, Deduction, and Verification are included: a dis-WE shall begin to believe that the leading tinction with which any college junior may be minds of the "Old School" branch of the Pressupposed familiar. Renan is a Kantian philosobyterian Church are thoroughly and incurably pher of France, distinguished for his essays on infected by their long subserviency to Southern philosophical and religious subjects. He prodictation. and incapacitated utterly from rendering sincere and earnest support to their country and luxury, which now seems to prevail among tests energetically against the worship of wealth in its hour of need. Rev. N. L. RICE, D.D., of the French, and that mistaken reliance on industhe Fifth Avenue Church, New York, has just trial progress as the proof of national prosperity, nublished two sermons-" Our Country and the Church"-which we shall never believe a truly In his half belief, which protests against Strauss' which prevails throughout the civilized world. loyal audience were content to hear. They are Life of Christ and rejects miracles, he seems to a protest, in fact, against the action of the late long after a more settled state of mind. The Philadelphia General Assembly, and an elaborate reviewer incidentally gives four reasons for the argument against the ministry and church, as slight impression made by Strauss on the Engsuch, taking any sides on the present question. lish mind :---1. He assumes the incredibility of It is enough to know that he ranks the present war the miraculous; 2. A large part of the work is among "such quarrels" as the Mexican war! employed in refuting other methods of explain-Ministers should not undertake to decide the ing the miracles prevalent in Germany, but unmerits of "the quarrel!" But Dr. Rice himself known in England; 3. Strauss' Hegelian Christtakes sides when he uses language so insulting ology was too wild to win attention; 4. and to freemen. We see nothing in the sermons to chiefly, the absence of all attempts to bring beshow that the course of the loyal clergy in the fore the reader what was the veritable history. Revolution would meet the writer's approval.

There is reason to fear that far too many such One cannot turn from Blackwood of Novemhalf-hearted patriots are not only in the "Old ber, to the Atlantic Monthly for December, with-School" Church, but in the Government, in the out an instant perception of the complete supe-Army and Navy, as chaplains and in every grade riority of the latter over the former in all points of service. Every where they are thorns in the except its religious tone. If the Atlantic were flesh. The sermons are published by C. Scrib- not so much the organ of a clique of supercilious, self-opinionated Boston free-thinkers, we could not easily express our admiration and POEMS BY JOHN G. SAXE, complete in one pride in the ability, grace of style, and comprevolume. This is one of Ticknor & Fields' handhensive range of its articles. "A Field-night some blue and gold (cloth) edition of the poets, in the House of Commons" is a graphic descrip-16mo. It is accompanied with a finely engraved tion of the manners of the House during an exportrait of the poet. The verses are mainly of citing and important discussion. "A New Couna lighter cast of sentiment, mirthful, Knickerterblast" ably and good-humoredly argues bocker-like, healthful. "The proud Miss Macagainst the use of Tobacco. "Health in the Bride" is a good specimen of Saxe's favorite Hospital" continues the admirable sanitary vein of playful satire. The lines on his Thirtyseries on the army, and refers to the character ninth Birth-day explain somewhat the prevailing and labors of Miss Nightingale with merited aptype of the pieces. "Few," he says. plause. "The Story of Thanksgiving" is touch-"Have trod a brighter path than mine. From blithe thirteen to thirty-nine." ing, American, and timely. "English Emancipation" tells the story of the philanthropic movements, in which Pitt, Buxton. Clarkson, "My days are in the sere and yellow leaf." and Wilberforce were successfully engaged. For sale by J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia. "Self-possession vs. Pre-possession" is in a tone of manly severity towards the English press and Two more of the A. L. O. E. Books have been republished by ROBERT CARTER & BROS., public men. We quote a sentence :--- "Our present experience of the unsoundness of English New York, and are for sale by CHAS. S. LUTHER. Presbyterian Bookstore, No. 1334 Chestnut St. judgment, and the narrowness of English views They are powerfully written, and convey impor- concerning our policy and character, may have tant truths effectively to the minds of the the good result of making our independence in

The thirteenth number of the "Southern Re-Mr. Lincoln. We are disappointed at the slight Also, the Minutes of the Synod of Pennsyl- attention paid to the causes of the sudden devania, for 1861, issued promptly by Rev. Wm. parture of the President elect from Harrisburg to Washington. Perhaps they have defied investigation as yet, but it is just such matters The London Quarterly Review, for October, that we expect to find subjected to examination (L. Scott & Co., New York; W. B. Zieber, Phi- in a work which travels over the ground leisureladelphia,) opens with a deeply interesting paper | ly as this does. New York: James D. Torrey,

breath, arose-complaining of the apparent in- months. justice of the act; but these were all speedily hushed by the voice of the great chieftain in devotion to whom they originated. No sooner alacrity and obedience to the new commander-inchief